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Biography

GEORGE JOSEPH BATES was born in Salem, Essex County, Mass., February 25, 1891; attended the public schools; member of the State house of representatives 1918–24; served as mayor of Salem, Mass., 1924–37; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-fifth and to the six succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1937, until his death in an airplane accident at the Washington (D. C.) National Airport on November 1, 1949; interment in St. Mary's Cemetery, Salem, Mass.

In the House of Representatives

TUESDAY, *March 28, 1950.*

Mr. REGAN. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 521) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That on Wednesday, the 17th day of May 1950, immediately after the approval of the Journal, the House shall stand in recess for the purpose of holding memorial services as arranged by the Committee on House Administration under the provisions of clause (1) (j) (2) (C) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives. The order of exercises and proceedings of the service shall be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on the life, character, and public service of deceased Members. At the conclusion of the proceedings, the Speaker shall call the House to order and then as a further mark of respect to the memories of the deceased he shall declare the House adjourned.

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The resolution was agreed to.

Memorial Services
in the
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Memorial Service Program

Prelude, sacred selections (11:30 to 12)
United States Air Force Symphony Orchestra

Presiding officer.....The Speaker, Hon. Sam Rayburn

Invocation.....The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D.

A cappella Emmette Spiritum (Schuetky), Lord's Prayer (Malott)
USAF Band Glee Club

Scripture reading and prayer.....The Chaplain

Roll of deceased Members—The Clerk of the House of Representatives

Devotional silence.

Address.....Hon. Brooks Hays
Representative from the State of Arkansas

Solo: Bless This House (Brahe), Recessional (De Koven)
Master Sgt. Glenn Darwin, USAF

Address.....Hon. John Davis Lodge
Representative from the State of Connecticut

Taps.....Master Sgt. Arthur Will

Echo.....Staff Sgt. Carl Costenbader

Benediction.....The Chaplain

George Joseph Bates

Memorial Services

WEDNESDAY, *May 17, 1950.*

The SPEAKER of the House of Representatives (Mr. Rayburn) presided.

The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D.:

Almighty God, in the life of each of us there are times when all our feelings seem to impose silence.

Grant that in this hour of sacred memory we may enter into a blessed communion with Thy Spirit, and the spirit of all upon whom Thou hast bestowed the glorious benediction, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Hear us for the sake of the Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

The United States Air Force Band Glee Club sang a cappella Emmette Spiritum (Schuetky) and Lord's Prayer (Malott).

The CHAPLAIN. The Scripture readings are taken from the Old and New Testaments.

Psalm 85:

I will hear what God the Lord will say, for He will speak peace unto His people and to His saints.

Psalm 90:

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Then from the New Testament these gracious words which were spoken by our blessed Lord:

John 14:

Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto Myself, that where I am there ye may be also.

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

In St. Paul's great chapter on the resurrection, the fifteenth of First Corinthians, we find these words:

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

May God add His blessing to these readings from His holy word.

The closing verses from the poem entitled "Victory," by Alfred Noyes:

"There's but one gift that all our dead desire,
One gift that men can give, and that's a dream,
Unless we, too, can burn with that same fire
Of sacrifice: die to the things that seem;
"Die to the little hatreds; die to greed;
Die to the old ignoble selves we knew;
Die to the base contempts of sect and creed,
And rise again, like these, with souls as true.
"Nay (since these died before their task was finished)
Attempt new heights, bring even their dreams to birth—
Build us that better world, Oh, not diminished
By one true splendor that they planned on earth.
"And that's not done by sword, or tongue, or pen,
There's but one way. God make us better men."

Let us pray.

Most merciful and gracious God, the God of our fathers and of their succeeding generations, through Thy holy word Thou has spoken and in our hearts Thy voice is heard.

Thou art the author and disposer of human life, from whom our spirits have come and unto whom they return.

We thank Thee for Thy servants who walked and worked with us for a little while upon this earth and who now are with Thee in heavenly blessedness, having received, as the reward of their faith and their fidelity, the salvation of their souls.

We rejoice that whatever was noble and beautiful in their life, in Thy sight and in our sight, abides forever. We bless Thee for the glorious testimony that they sought to serve their generation according to Thy holy will and were numbered among those who do justly, who love mercy, and who walk humbly with the Lord. We have not said "farewell" but only "good night," hoping on some blessed morn to

meet and dwell with them in hallowed union in that land whose language is music and where joys are unceasing.

Grant unto the sorrowing and the lonely the consolation of Thy grace. May they yield themselves without murmur or complaint to the dispensations of Thy providence for Thou dost give and Thou dost take away, and blessed is Thy name forevermore. Help them to lay hold of the peace and the eternal companionship of the Christ.

We pray that Thou will continue to bless our Nation. We are not asking Thee to deal with us in any preferential manner. May we be a people whose God is the Lord.

May we be loyal partners with all who are laboring to build the kingdom of justice and righteousness, the social order in which there shall be peace and good will among men. Enable us to carry on in faith, in faithfulness, and in the fear of the Lord as we daily meet the problems and tasks which challenge the consecration of our noblest manhood and womanhood.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ROLL OF DECEASED MEMBERS

Mr. Alney E. Chaffee, reading clerk of the House of Representatives, read the following roll:

BERT HENRY MILLER, a Senator from the State of Idaho: Born December 15, 1879; lawyer; graduate Brigham Young University 1901 and Cumberland University Law School; prosecuting attorney of Fremont County, Idaho, 1912–14; elected attorney general of Idaho 1934, reelected 1936; regional attorney, Fair Labor Standards Act, Seattle, Wash., region; elected justice of Idaho Supreme Court 1944; elected to the United States Senate 1948; died October 8, 1949.

CLYDE MARTIN REED, a Senator from the State of Kansas: Born October 19, 1871; teacher, mail clerk, editor and publisher; secretary to the Governor of Kansas in 1919; appointed member Kansas Court of Industrial Relations 1920; chairman of the Kansas Public Utilities Commission 1921–24; Governor of Kansas 1929–31; elected to the United States Senate 1938, reelected 1944; died November 8, 1949.

RICHARD JOSEPH WELCH, Fifth Congressional District of California: Born February 13, 1869; machinist; State senator 1901–13; harbor master, port of San Francisco, 1903–07; supervisor city and county of San Francisco, 1916–26; member of the Seventieth to the Eighty-first Congresses, inclusive (12 successive Congresses); died September 10, 1949.

GEORGE JOSEPH BATES, Sixth Congressional District of Massachusetts: Born February 25, 1891; member State house of representatives, 1918–24; mayor of Salem, 1924–37; Member of the Seventy-fifth and six succeeding Congresses; died November 1, 1949.

MARTIN GORSKI, Fifth Congressional District of Illinois: Born October 30, 1886; lawyer; graduate Chicago Law School, 1917; assistant State's attorney, Cook County, 1918–20; master in chancery, superior court, Cook County, 1929–42; Member of the Seventy-eighth to the Eighty-first Congresses, inclusive; died December 4, 1949.

SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND, First Congressional District of Virginia: Born May 4, 1872; teacher; lawyer; attended Gloucester Academy and William and Mary College; president of the Chamber of Commerce of Newport News, and vice president, Virginia State Bar Association; Member of the Sixty-fifth to the Eighty-first Congresses, inclusive (17 consecutive Congresses); died February 16, 1950.

RALPH EDWIN CHURCH, Thirteenth Congressional District of Illinois: Born May 5, 1883; lawyer; graduate University of Michigan, 1907, and Northwestern University, 1909; member State house of representatives, 1916–32; lieutenant commander, United States Naval Reserve, 1938–41; delegate, Interparliamentary Conference, Oslo, Norway, 1939; Member, Seventy-fourth to the Seventy-sixth and Seventy-eighth to the Eighty-first Congresses; died March 21, 1950.

Mrs. NORTON, a Representative from the State of New Jersey, standing in front of the Speaker's rostrum, placed a memorial rose in a vase as the name of each deceased Member was read by the Clerk.

There followed a period of devotional silence, during which the Members stood.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas [Mr. Hays].

Hon. BROOKS HAYS, a Representative from the State of Arkansas, delivered the following address:

ADDRESS BY HON. BROOKS HAYS

Mr. HAYS of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker this is one of the occasions when it is appropriate to speak of the unity the House of Representatives cherishes. We wish to accentuate our common creed, to contemplate the common experience of death and our common faith which triumphs over it.

The story of a man's life is never told in the offices he holds, or the honors he receives. It is only inadequately related in the things he does. It is only as we come in close contact with our fellow men and by the kind of intimate associations treasured here, learn to know what a man believes, that we really come to understand and appreciate him. By these associations we learned something of the loyalties and convictions of our departed colleagues and today we make a record of our appraisal of their indefinable qualities of soul which found expression here. Now we assume the rather difficult role of honoring them, difficult because we touch a very tender theme and a delicate one, but it is altogether proper for us to rejoice in honoring them.

I think one would have to endure some of the hard tests of service here to understand the depth of our affection and admiration for them. If one sees only the surface, he might mistake our disputes for distrust. One would have to know something of these experiences that exhibit a sharp clash of opinion to understand that underneath are abiding friendships and mutual confidence.

It was not my privilege to know either of the Senators, either Senator REED or Senator MILLER, but as I read the eulogies that were paid to them I could understand some-

thing of the sense of grief that pervaded the ranks of the Senate when they passed on.

I read of Senator REED, of Kansas, for example, that he was "a great legislator, a great pioneer, a great American." And then there was an interesting line, "the most colorful warrior that his State had produced in the battle of his day."

I read of Senator MILLER, of Idaho, that "his life was a shining example of unselfish service to his fellow man," and that "he was a noble person."

I was in the Chamber of the House on most of the occasions when the passing of our five Members was announced. Their closest friends stood and rendered honest tribute. I have reflected upon those things that were said of them. I was impressed, too, by the characterizations that were used with reference to all of them. That is, each of them was "fearless, honest, able, persevering, conscientious, generous, strong, and kind."

Then there are the special observations about each life and career. Some of the finest eulogies put into the Record are from those who had not been associated with them here, but were evidently based upon a close study of their public service. There was that interesting comment of Archbishop Cushing, of Boston, for example, upon the life of GEORGE J. BATES, of Massachusetts, "More men knew the merits of the man than knew the man himself." Since each of the Members represented close to a third of a million people and were known outside their districts in many areas for distinguished public service, it might well have been said of them all.

It was said of GEORGE BATES in addition, "He was a man of expansive human sympathy; completely devoted to the public welfare; truly a great American."

Of RICHARD J. WELCH, of California—and these were the words of the majority leader, Mr. McCormack, who sat on the opposite side of the aisle, that "he was an ideal gentleman, a perfect legislator."

Of MARTIN GORSKI, of Illinois, that he was "a man of high principles, an unassuming friend, an effective public servant."

Of SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND, of Virginia, that he was "modest, scholarly, and tolerant," and the words of the Speaker of the House, Mr. Rayburn, "he was one of the greatest souls that it has ever been my privilege to know."

Of my friend RALPH CHURCH: "Earnest, sincere; he built his career upon conviction"; and that in his service of community, State, and Nation, "he conformed to the standards of a Christian." These short biographies tell us a lot about the men of whom they were spoken. They relate to what each believed and what each did in consonance with that belief. These testimonies reflected the life of faith, and as Thomas Carlyle said, "A man's faith, or his lack of it, is the most considerable part of him."

So, Mr. Speaker, here we have exemplified the elements of faith. These men all believed in something, and it bears out the point that I think I made in the beginning, they had convictions. It is always difficult to speak of religion without being obstrusive or being misunderstood, yet I think the people of the Nation would like to know that their Representatives find time in which to do it appropriately, and they would certainly wish us to honor these men in their faith and religious ideals.

The total service of the seven was slightly in excess of a hundred years, their legislative achievements were enormous. As long as the Republic shall stand, perhaps, the impact of their minds will be felt in our legislative policy. Yet, Mr. Speaker, a man does not live in his craftsmanship. I do not disparage it, but a legislative monument is insecure and impermanent, for laws are changed, and the policies that we all help devise, so valuable at the hour, will be altered.

Neither can a man live in the sustained recognition of his family. As a parent and grandparent, I have that normal pride in my own family. I would like to think that 400 years

from now my name will be perpetuated, but I am impressed by this thought, if four centuries later someone should bear my name, 2,047 other people—and this is an unalterable biologic principle—would have contributed as much to his heritage as I.

No, even though this is a noble impulse and worthy, a man cannot live by pride of family alone, any more than he can live in legislative glory.

Neither can a man live in the physical things that he helps to create. Every one of us in our travels over the country is impressed with the fact that communities constantly seek to honor their Representatives in the Congress.

I was in Syracuse the other day, and I saw the very handsome memorial to our friend, Clarence Hancock. I think that is typical.

A man cannot live in the bridges and buildings or dams or airports or highways that he helps to build. RICHARD WELCH, for example, is identified with the Golden Gate Bridge. But considering the ephemeral nature of life itself, some day that great structure may be destroyed. Its superstructure may lie beneath the restless waters of the sea because a more ingenious people will replace it with something that better fits their times.

A man must live in something else. He may surely live in attachment to immortal principles. What I would like to say out of the depth of my great appreciation for these men is that by attaching themselves to things that are infinite and eternal they knew one phase of immortality. The older I grow the more convinced I am of the necessity for interpreting, for example, the ideal of justice. It is not abstract at all. It has reality for all men eventually in some human experience. This delicate and important instrument which the people commit to us their lawmakers is to be used with that sense of its serving an infinite force, an undying influence in life—the attainment of justice.

We are only partly right, though it represents a great American ideal, when we say that ours is a Government of laws and not of men. For that ideal itself would fail unless it be a government of laws, good laws, administered by righteous men. Something like this was perhaps in the mind of Cicero, when he said:

> True law is right reason, consonant with nature, everlasting and unchanging. It does not differ for Rome or for Athens, but one law shall be for all times and all people. We cannot repeal that law; we cannot be relieved by any legislature of the obligations which it imposes, and we do not need to look outside ourselves for the true expounder of it.

Another pillar in the structure of faith is one's belief about man himself. When the prophet spoke of man as of "few days and full of trouble, like a flower he is cut down," he was speaking gloomily of death, which is only one aspect of life, and one has but to turn a few pages to come upon an equally authentic view, that of the psalmist who said, "What is man that Thou art mindful of him? Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels and hast crowned him with glory and honor," and then a thought that has thrilling implications for the philosophy of free government, "Thou madest him to have dominion." This high opinion of man's capacity for self-government is the basis of our institutions in the West. It finds expression in the Declaration of Independence whose author believed in the spiritual origin of our rights and liberties. Here are the moral bonds that unite us. "We hold these truths," said Jefferson—and "we" means all—not the Jeffersonians but the Hamiltonians as well, not the Virginians but the New Englanders and all colonists as well. We, the people of a free land, have built upon the foundations of faith.

Here, Mr. Speaker, is an American doctrine worthy of perpetuation. It follows that if we think sound thoughts about man, viewing him as God's creation, we will think soundly about his human society. The good life is devoted to putting

moral content into political institutions. It is the one thing that the forces of materialism cannot conquer. The blandishments of those who think only in terms of power will be unavailing against a good man. This was the thought of Ernest Hocking when he said:

> It is only a religious faith reaching the ultimate solitudes of the soul, for which our pleasing amiabilities are but husks, that can create the unpurchasable man, and it is only man, unpurchasable by any society, that can create the sound society.

For fullest consolation in the loss of these friends we reach out eagerly for the hope that is found in the writings of great men of the past. For what men think of death is also distinguishing. They have told us in ways that vary with the moods in which they wrote what they believed death to be like, and they have helped us. For whatever our fears, we, too, believe it is but an interlude, a temporary separation. We like to think of it as the gateway to a larger life. It is, as the poet said, "but the velvet footstep of the Father himself. His voice so low and His step so soft, that we cannot see or hear Him."

When death comes to a colleague and grief spreads through our ranks, we feel as Douglas Malloch did when his friend, Emerson Hough, passed away—

> To all eternity he binds us.
> He links the planet and the star,
> He rides ahead, the trail he finds us,
> And where he is and where we are will never seem again so far.

It is difficult, Mr. Speaker, to find something new to say. It is hardly worth the struggle. We can draw upon these great resources of the past, and without apology I offer them today. Even the great Robert Ingersoll, almost afraid to grasp the hope of a reunion with his loved ones and so intellectually honest that he never avowed a strong faith, voiced a beautiful aspiration when he said, "in the night of death, hope sees a star and listening love can hear the rustle of an angel's wing."

I hope, therefore, Mr. Speaker, in the songs that are sung and the things that are said, and in the rich thought of mighty minds repeated we may renew our belief that God has planned a greater destiny for us.

The gentleman from Virginia [Mr. Smith] said, when Judge BLAND went away, that he believed the arduous duties of the war had shortened his life. I am not sure but that that is not rather typical and that it is fair to say, without exalting ourselves nor stressing the importance of our position, that the hazards of legislative service are indeed great. I am sure of this—that since we live in one of the most difficult periods of human history, I dare say that other dangers are ahead.

Therefore, in closing let me repeat the lines that a British sergeant wrote in the midst of his peril during the Second World War:

Almighty and All Present Power,
Brief is the prayer I make of Thee.
I do not ask, in battle hour,
For any shield to cover me.

The vast unalterable way,
From which the stars do not depart,
May not be turned aside to stay
The bullet flying toward my heart.

I ask no power to strike the foe,
I seek no petty victory here.
The enemy I hate, I know
To God is also dear.

But this I ask; be at my side
When death is flying through the sky.
Almighty God, who also died,
Teach me the way that I should die.

We thank God for these good men. It is the finest epitaph that could be written, and it has been said of each, "He was a good man."

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, it was not in the buildings they erected nor their legislative achievements, but in their beliefs,

their loyalties, their convictions, the hopes they raised, the fears they dispelled, and the sound beliefs which they strengthened, that they built their greatest monument.

Master Sgt. Glenn Darwin, United States Air Force, sang Bless This House, by Brahe; and Recessional, by De Koven.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Connecticut [Mr. Lodge].

Hon. JOHN DAVIS LODGE, a Representative from the State of Connecticut, delivered the following address:

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN DAVIS LODGE

Mr. LODGE. Mr. Speaker, it is altogether fitting that we should pause amid the din and dust of our daily existence to pay our respects to those Members of Congress who have recently been gathered to their fathers. Since we assembled in this Chamber on a similar occasion a year ago two Senators and five Representatives have crossed the bar. We are met to commemorate their passing. We are convened to mourn their absence from these halls. But our meeting here has, it seems to me, a significance beyond the natural sadness which we feel at the irremediable departure of these friends. For just as theirs were lives of service so must we on this occasion resolve to continue in that service with resourcefulness, with imagination, and with courage. Only in that way can we justify their peacetime sacrifice and the wartime sacrifice of so many others.

I call the roll:

Senator BERT HENRY MILLER, Idaho.

Senator CLYDE MARTIN REED, Kansas.

Representative RICHARD JOSEPH WELCH, California.

Representative GEORGE JOSEPH BATES, Massachusetts.

Representative MARTIN GORSKI, Illinois.

Representative SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND, Virginia.

Representative RALPH EDWIN CHURCH, Illinois.

These are the men whose lives and whose work we eulogize today. These colleagues of ours made an indelible imprint upon the legislative history of their time.

This moving occasion should, I am convinced, be one not merely of commemoration but rather of rededication to the timeless truths for which they worked and struggled and died. Ours is the torch and we must carry on. Our constructive action is the noblest monument which we can erect in their memory.

Joined with us here today are the friends and relatives of the men who in recent months have made the great discovery. We stretch out our hands to them in friendly remembrance. We open our hearts to them with understanding and with compassion.

This is an occasion of dignity and tenderness in which the memory of these upright and devoted public servants lingers like a perfume on a summer breeze. It is a time for poignant recollection.

This memorial service is an apt tribute. It is most appropriately a permanent part of the report of the activities of the Congress. It testifies to the lasting place which they will occupy in the minds and hearts of those who loved them and knew them. It is a confession of our regard for their accomplishments and of our respect for their memory.

As we meet many of us can recall with nostalgic vividness the idiosyncracies, the indefinable charms and gestures of each of these men. Their personalities return to us with touching clarity. We who serve in the Congress are bound together by a common experience irrespective of party. All of us have been through gruelling campaigns. We, their colleagues, know that in the Congress no one can dissemble for very long. A Member who gains influence and distinction does so because of his intrinsic worth. He does so by virtue of his character and ability. The vital opportunities for useful employment and effort which we regard as involving

the essential welfare of the American people exist in these halls in terms of service to mankind. And while we have violent differences of opinion and sometimes harsh words are spoken there is a basic sense of fellowship which suffuses all our doings and which in times of common stress and strain unite us in friendship.

We grieve. But we do not grieve for these men who now are a part of the mysterious immensities which circumscribe our lives. We grieve because we shall miss them. We shall miss these friendly associations. We shall miss their vigorous participation in the work of the Congress.

Yet, this is no time to strain with desperate longing against the chasm which seems insuperably to separate us from them. We, too, are a fateful part of the events which have carried them beyond our pale. We cannot stem the rush of the resistless hours. The days of our years are numbered. Some day we shall join them. We, the living, are a part of their infinity. Let us therefore not beat our breasts in helpless anguish but rather leave our spirits bare to feel the truth they cannot understand.

We are living in urgent times, times in which men search their hearts and minds for at least a few answers to the great and grievous problems with which we are beset. These are, indeed, times which try men's souls. The first half of the twentieth century has been critical, difficult, full of change. Man is passing through a great Gethsemane of moral readjustments to the machine which he has created. Those to whom we pay tribute today have gone from this worldly tempest of doubt and indecision into the soothing calmness and serenity of that long lagoon to which there is no ending. They have served their fellow man. Their day on earth is done. They have been tried and not found wanting. They have gone to their just reward. They live in the enduring quality of their achievements and in the fond recollections of those who knew and loved them. We remain.

Peace, peace! he is not dead, he doth not sleep—
He hath awakened from the dream of life—
'Tis we, who lost in stormy visions, keep
With phantoms and unprofitable strife,
And in mad trance, strike with our spirit's knife
Invulnerable nothings—we decay
Like corpses in a charnel; fear and grief
Convulse us and consume us day by day,
And cold hopes swarm like worms within our living clay.
He hath outsoared the shadow of our night;
Envy and calumny and hate and pain,
And that unrest which men miscall delight,
Can touch him not and torture not again;
From the contagion of the world's slow stain
He is secure.

In sober truth we are not secure save in our unassailable faith that liberty is an imperishable truth. Had Patrick Henry said "Give me security or give me death" we would not know his name today. Liberty. It is for this that we must persevere, that we must live our lives. It is for freedom that we must live and be prepared to die. We must reject the arid atheism with which sinister tyrants are attempting to undermine our institutions, to sabotage our freedom, to corrupt our youth, to dissipate our convictions and to deprive both life and death of their meaning. These godless doctrines point the way to dishonor and despair.

We who are destined to remain for a while in our earthly harness must take counsel of our faith rather than of our fears. In the words of Winston Churchill:

> We must be prepared for further efforts of mind and body and further sacrifices to great causes if we are not to fall back into the confusion of aim, the rut of inertia, and the craven fear of being great.

Each of us must do his allotted task in an effort to meet successfully the grim and somber challenge which is crowding down upon us from every corner of the globe. Then when we shall be called to join our dear departed colleagues it shall be said of us, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Life's diverse inceptions, birth and death, are beyond the comprehension of man. Just as nature abhors a vacuum, so man abhors the word death. Our hearts grow numb as we contemplate the wide harmonic silences of death. There are no words because there is essentially no end. But there is faith. Faith in an indissoluble identity, faith in our own infinity. This meeting of commemoration and of rededication is also one of celebration. We meet to celebrate the soul. Those with whose spirits we commune today have met the dawn of an eternal sun. Our task here is to assure the soul's advance. Plato said "Time is the moving image of eternity." Eternity is now. The time of revelation is now. We are the trustees, the repositories of all the innumerable yesterdays of time. We are the harbingers of onward latent long millenniums. We can take heart from the sure knowledge that our opportunities for useful service, for dynamic leadership are equal to our grave responsibilities.

The challenge which faces us who have chosen public service as our mission is essentially the same challenge which has always faced the people's representatives. It is, in its basic elements, the challenge which faces the people of America. We bring that challenge into sharp focus. We must have vision for "where there is no vision the people perish."

This age-old challenge has been given a wonderful clarity and an exciting substance by the turbulent events of the last few decades. We know "deep down in that dumb region of the heart in which we dwell alone" that we cannot meet this challenge merely with procedural devices and man-made machinery. There must be the massive motive power of a moral force. Even the atom bomb will move to the measure of men's thoughts. We shall be hoist with our own delinquency if in this spiritual emergency we rely solely on our material prowess. The dialectical materialism of the brutal Communist dogma cannot be combated solely with plans and agreements, equipment and things. Our mate-

rial world will crash in splinters around us unless it has some lofty thoughts to hold it up.

Let us then rededicate ourselves to the sublime truths on which our great Nation was founded and forsake the base and mutable alloy which tempts us to seek refuge in vulgar expediencies, trivial pastimes, and ineffectual felicities. Let us be resolute and meet this onslaught of barbarism as our colleagues have met the challenge of the sunrise. Only in this way can we really escape "the tyranny of time, and brief content of all achievement and prosperity." Let us resolve "to illustrate in thought and word and deed, in life and death, the utmost that we are."

So shall this occasion serve to give us a true perspective of the battle in which we are inextricably engaged. So shall we get a clear and steady view of the one prize that is not counterfeit. So shall we transmit to our successors the soul's divine inheritance. So shall these solemn memorial exercises serve not only to punctuate with reverence and warm regard the end of these precious lives but especially to ignite in the living a vibrant determination that this trembling hour shall be the touchstone for future accomplishments and progressions. So shall we at long last achieve a peace based on freedom, virtue, and reason.

> Well may we know it lies before us still,
> Who are the Pilgrims, as it stretched for them
> Whose pilgrimage is done; the self-same road,
> Hazardous, hard, unknown, which leads afar,
> Thro' lusts and lies, thro' laws and governments,
> Thro' all substantial things and sensible forms.
> And well for us if we may find it out,
> And walk thereon our spiritual way
> Forward to real achievements and progressions—
> Pilgrims, as once they were, in high resolve
> Launched on the Pilgrimage that once was theirs.

Master Sgt. Arthur Will sounded taps, the echo being sounded by Staff Sgt. Carl Costenbader.

The Chaplain pronounced the following benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift upon you His countenance and give you peace.

Amen.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 521, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Chair declares the House adjourned until 11 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 1 o'clock and 8 minutes p. m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 18, 1950, at 11 o'clock a. m.

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Remarks by Representative Goodwin

Of Massachusetts

Mr. GOODWIN. Mr. Speaker, the tragic death of GEORGE J. BATES was a great shock to all his colleagues but especially to those of us who were privileged to be associated with him more intimately.

I first came to know him well 30 years ago when he was chairman of the Committee on Municipal Finance of the Massachusetts House of Representatives and I was mayor of my home city of Melrose. I then had occasion to confer with him frequently at the State house on Beacon Hill in Boston for he was well known as an authority on fiscal matters relative to municipalities. All Massachusetts cities were then operating under the provisions of a new Municipal Finance Act and Representative BATES was most constant in urging sound financial policies and most helpful in demonstrating their value to city officials who, while eager to keep in step with changing rules of administration, were inclined to consider the new law revolutionary and restrictive.

Five years later he became mayor of Salem, and during the 14 years he held that office I was in the legislature and continued to see him frequently in connection with pending legislation affecting municipal government.

When I came to Congress in 1943, he had been here for 6 years, and so it was only natural that I should follow the habit of seeking his counsel, and I constantly profited thereby.

So long as I shall live I shall never cease to be grateful for the inspiration and genuine helpfulness which has come to

me in public life over these 30 years by reason of constant consultations and conferences with GEORGE J. BATES. Many besides myself have learned how fully was he always willing to share with others the knowledge he had acquired by experience and industrious attention to the problems of government.

The Nation has lost one of its ablest and most devoted officials.

I join my colleagues in extending warmest sympathy to his splendid wife and family in their great loss.

Remarks by Representative Case

Of South Dakota

Mr. CASE of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I wish to add my word of tribute to the life and service of the Honorable GEORGE BATES, of Massachusetts. GEORGE BATES and I entered Congress in January 1937 and were two of the small band of new Republicans who were elected in 1936. We never organized a club. There were so few of us no formal organization was needed.

During 13 years I have seen the devoted, selfless service of this sturdy American. Sometimes we found ourselves differing in method or approach, but never did we differ on the fundamental aims to be accomplished. He fought so hard, so intensely for whatever he advocated that he impressed everyone with his sincerity and forthrightness of purpose.

Yes, he could flash a smile; he could take a joke, but his first impulse was to take things seriously. One gained the impression that he thought time was short, that he must be about the main business of the day immediately. Perhaps he had that premonition that life would be shortened for him, that death might come prematurely.

Certainly death did come prematurely to this patriotic American, for he was still a man of vigor and endless energy. I am sure that he knew many things he wanted to accomplish but we will have to say he did more for his country than most men who live longer. His death in a needless airplane accident has caused us all to wonder "Why?" but that is a question we cannot answer now. Some day, perhaps, we shall know.

Now we only know that this man's life is remembered for the good he did and the patriotic ardor which drove him on, even when his concept of duty carried him to his death.

Remarks by Representative McMillan

Of South Carolina

Mr. McMILLAN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay my respects to the late GEORGE BATES, our beloved colleague, who, in my opinion, was one of the most distinguished Members of the House of Representatives.

I had the pleasure and privilege of serving on the same committee for 12 years with our late colleague, and I have never known a more conscientious, hard-working man. Mr. BATES, in his position as ranking minority member on the District Committee during my term as chairman of that committee, was always eager and ready to cooperate with me in every instance. Mr. BATES carefully considered every proposed piece of legislation which was presented to the District Committee, and I leaned heavily on his opinion at all times in making my decisions on bills presented to our committee.

Mr. BATES was a statesman, and party lines meant nothing to him when he felt that proposed legislation was worthy of consideration. It was through Mr. BATES' efforts that the majority of the most important legislation enacted by the District Committee received favorable consideration of both the House and the committee.

I know of no man who has ever served in the Congress of the United States who came nearer holding the unanimous respect of all Members of the House, both Republican and Democrat. He was an untiring worker and always accepted any duties placed upon him with a smile. I always knew that when any bill was referred to his subcommittee that it would be thoroughly digested and considered before it was reported to the full committee.

I understand Mr. BATES was one of the leading members of the Armed Services Committee, and I remember when he led a subcommittee through the European countries on an investigation tour during the war, and made an excellent reputation as an untiring worker with the least publicity.

I shall forever be grateful that I had the opportunity to work with and be a friend of a man of Mr. BATES' character and ability. He left an everlasting imprint on my mind and was my ideal of a statesman. The State of Massachusetts, and the United States as a whole, lost one of its most able public servants in the untimely passing of our beloved colleague, Mr. BATES.

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Proceedings in the House

TUESDAY, *January 3, 1950.*

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 410), which I send to the desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. GEORGE J. BATES, a Representative from the State of Massachusetts.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, it is a sad duty that I have today, to offer this resolution concerning the death of an old and honored colleague, and a friend whose friendship I had cherished for many years.

It was with great sorrow and distinct shock that we heard a few short weeks ago of the death of our colleague, GEORGE J. BATES, of Massachusetts. Mr. BATES had been at his home in Massachusetts when he received a call to attend a meeting of the Armed Services Committee. In order that he might attend that session of the committee, he was obliged to take an airplane. We all know the terrible story; as the ship was entering the Washington Airport, a tragedy ensued which caused his death. Thus died a fine, Christian gentleman; a leader of men and a man who served his country devotedly and with great distinction.

The career of Mr. BATES was one of the outstanding careers of Massachusetts. It resembled very much the old Horatio Alger stories; a story possible only in America. Born in Salem of humble parentage, he had a distinguished public career, and was honored and respected, not only by all those who knew him but everywhere throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the country.

He worked in early manhood in the shops of Salem. His neighbors and friends came to appreciate his ability and manly qualities, and he was selected to become a member of the State legislature. Here he served creditably for 7 years, then served as mayor of the city of Salem for 14 years, and as one of our colleagues in this House for 14 years. In every instance he gave complete satisfaction and left an enviable record of achievement. He was a man who had a passion for service. He liked to serve the people. He liked to make his country a stronger and a better country. Perhaps few men ever had a greater loyalty for the Navy than did he. In his district, history records, was the birthplace of the American Navy.

He realized the greatness of America's past had been largely due to the strength and the prowess of its Navy. He devoted his fine talents to making the American Navy so strong that it would be superior to the navy that any other nation might put afloat.

He fought vigorously for the industries of New England, to improve the position of the workers from whom he came and whom he loved.

So this man of peace served the people most of his adult life.

It was quite appropriate, if death had to come, that it should come while traveling to attend a committee meeting. He died serving a cause he had loved.

GEORGE BATES was a family man. He had a charming wife and a large family of boys and girls who had been reared with his own fine characteristics of honesty, integrity, and love of country.

Today we honor a great man, a splendid son of Massachusetts, a man who, had he lived, would unquestionably have been called by the people to serve in a higher post. Fate decided otherwise. He is dead. We have all lost a fine friend, one whom we honored and respected. This earth is poorer for his departure but richer for his contributions.

To his wife and family go, I am sure, the heartfelt sympathy of all of us privileged to know him.

May he find in the other world above that reward he so abundantly earned.

Mr. Speaker, I think it most fitting on this occasion to extend at this point in my remarks the eulogy of Archbishop Richard J. Cushing for our late colleague:

It is not usual to pronounce eulogies at the funerals in our churches. A profound Catholic instinct impels us to commend our blessed dead to the judgment of God with the prayerful hope that they may be numbered among His saints. It is our belief that from the moment of the change which removes our loved ones from our sight to give them the blessed vision of God, all their earthly titles, qualities, and renown become of little or no importance. He who has God totally and perfectly, as we pray that our dead possess Him, no longer has need of our praise. He who loses God cannot be helped by any words of ours. So we pray for our dead, but we do not presume to praise them in the hour of their passing.

This abstention from eulogies, therefore, conforms with the spirit of the church. It is also consistent with the humble, quiet character of most of our people. It is particularly consistent with the whole tenor of the life and personality of the God-fearing, self-effacing Christian gentleman and public servant for whom we are met to pray this morning.

Congressman BATES would have been the last to ask a eulogy. In fact, it would never have occurred to him to request that there be no eulogy, since it would not have entered his mind that words of praise would be spoken in his regard from this sacred place.

If only for that reason, I pause this morning before the church gives him her final absolution and her blessing to bespeak our admiration for him, our sympathy with his family and friends, and our confidence that their spouse, father, and leader is truly and safely in the hands of God.

I did not know Congressman BATES personally. I had met him many times on public occasions where our respective duties brought us together. But it is a proof of his retiring simplicity that far more people, myself among them, knew his merits than knew the man himself. That is at once the most accurate and the most enviable tribute to him: that even without knowing him personally many, many thousands knew his high worth and the tremendous good that he did.

Congressman BATES was born in nearby Peabody, and all the days and the deeds of his life in Salem were identified with the service of this New England city. As a member of the Massachusetts Great and General Court, he represented Salem when first he entered public life more than 30 years ago. He was mayor of Salem for many years until 1937. Since that year until now he represented the area which includes Salem in the Congress of the United States. He never outgrew his home town. Though all the Nation and even the world benefited from him and mourns his passing, Salem especially is the poorer for his death.

A public servant and therefore obliged to live no small part of his life before the public eye, the Congressman remained nonetheless a retiring personality and he did not obtrude his personal preferences or his family life upon public notice.

The son of parents both born in Ireland, he was indebted to that same holy place for the devoted wife who holds first place in our sympathy today. God gave them nine children, of whom seven have survived to be the fairest monument to their father and the sweetest consolation of his spouse. Despite his great love for his family and his pride in them, the Congressman gave a magnificent example in the objectivity with which he subordinated family affection to public responsibility in his use of the power which went with his office.

I have heard him frequently praised for the fact that his sons and his daughters volunteered for naval service and neither expected nor received from their father special consideration or undue pressure in their behalf. That fact should be a great consolation to them now that he is dead; it is a great tribute to his memory.

Long before World War II the Congressman was prudently concerned about national strength and about the moral obligation of national preparedness. He was conservative by character and in his political and social opinions, but his conservatism had sane and sound roots in his own background. That background included his descent from hard-working people, frugal, conscientious, self-reliant, and self-respecting. His own first job as a young man was in a foundry where he early made his acquaintance with hard work and with the true problems of those who labor.

Congressman BATES did not have unusual opportunities for education, but he acquired great wisdom. He was not a joiner or socially ambitious in any sense, yet he made many and firm friends in every class. He did not use his race or his religion or his fraternal connections to advance his personal or political interests, though I am told that he originally sought public office at the

urging of his brothers in division 18, of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. They trusted him—and he did not betray their trust.

No scandal attached to his name. Great good was patiently, quietly, persistently promoted by this man through all the years of his public life. His official success and public progress did not corrupt his private integrity or personal character. He labored hard for the city of man but he did not forfeit his place in the city of God. He has worked hard. He deserves the eternal rest, the peace and the life in God which we beg for him before God's altar here this morning.

Just before he left on his journey to Washington the other morning he knelt as did all Catholics, to hear Mass for the feast of All Saints. Before the journey could reach its earthly destination he was, as we confidently pray, himself among the saints, enjoying that clear vision of God, the desire for which prompted him to be present at Mass on that fateful day. It was almost the last act of his life. It was a beautiful symbol of the holiness of his death.

Eternal rest grant unto him. O Lord! May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to my colleague the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. McCormack].

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, my memories of service in public life with and friendship for GEORGE BATES go back to 1920 when we both served in the House of Representatives of the Massachusetts Legislature. GEORGE BATES was one of the most dynamic members of the legislature, and served in that body for a number of years. During part of that time he also served as mayor of his city. He was one of the most remarkable men I have ever met, a man of great ability, of deep faith, a man of courage, and a man of loyalty. As the years went by between 1920 and the time of his tragic death, our paths in public service came together again in the halls of Congress. As Members of this body our friendship became stronger and stronger. I have said on several occasions, and I repeat now, that the middle aisle is meaningless in the friendships that we form. I am in politics a Democrat; GEORGE BATES in politics was a Republican, but that meant nothing to us in our friendship, and it means nothing to

those of us who serve now and who will serve in the future; friendship transcends everything else, particularly that which relates to political considerations. GEORGE BATES was a true friend. His family life was outstanding; a good husband, a good father, a good legislator, a good friend. God in His Wisdom took him in the tragic way He did and I have every confidence that his soul is with his Maker now.

I attended the funeral of our late colleague, and the people of the city of Salem gave him one of the greatest tributes I have ever seen.

In the death of GEORGE BATES, Massachusetts has lost one of its outstanding sons, the Nation one of its great citizens.

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. Vinson].

Mr. VINSON. Mr. Speaker, in the tragic death of our colleague, the Honorable GEORGE J. BATES, the Congress has lost an able legislator; the Armed Services have lost a stanch advocate; the American people have lost an outstanding statesman; and I have lost a very close personal friend.

Words alone cannot express my feeling nor can they possibly convey to his family my sorrow.

GEORGE J. BATES represented all that is good in man. His personal life was exemplary. His public life was beyond reproach. He devoted himself to his family, his church, and his country. I know of no man in many years as a Member of this body who dedicated himself so unselfishly to the American people, without regard to his own welfare.

The majority of the years of his life were spent in public service as a member of the Massachusetts State Legislature, as mayor of Salem, and as a Representative in this body since the Seventy-fifth Congress, when he became a member of the Naval Affairs Committee. When that committee and the Military Affairs Committee were combined into the Armed Services Committee, he continued to contribute to the

Congress and to the American people the wisdom and zeal which characterized him throughout his public service.

Possessed of amazing energy, endowed with a keen mind, blessed with a sense of humor, he lived a full life in the time allotted to him. Tenacious in his conviction, but lovable in his reasonableness, always devoted to the large view of public affairs—he demonstrated all of the characteristics of statesmanship.

GEORGE BATES' death was truly a tragedy, a tragedy the Nation can ill afford. It was typical of his life that his death occurred while in the performance of his official duties. He would not have been a passenger on the ill-fated airliner that carried him to his death had he not been en route to an official orientation conference in the office of the Secretary of Defense, pursuant to the Secretary's invitation.

GEORGE BATES died while on active duty. He was not only a member of the Armed Services Committee, he was a part of our armed services.

At his funeral he was surrounded by the people he loved best, his family and his thousands of friends in the city of Salem. Our committee—his committee—arranged for a military escort. It was fitting that members of services he so ably represented should have accompanied him to his last resting place.

While we pay him today this passing tribute, his contributions to the Nation's defense will everlastingly stand as his fitting memorial.

Mr. Speaker, I miss him more than I can say.

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Massachusetts [Mrs. Rogers].

Mrs. ROGERS of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, it is most fitting that GEORGE BATES be eulogized on this opening day of Congress. He was so much a part of our work and so willing always to take his share of the sometimes tedious labor of legislation. He never shirked his duty, and it was

this devotion to his job that was responsible for his being aboard that fateful airplane flight that ended so disastrously. He was on his way to Washington for conferences in connection with the national defense investigation. He died in line of duty just as much as any soldier who fell before the enemy.

Massachusetts has lost a loyal son, a most capable legislator, and a fearless fighter for her interests. His long service as mayor of his home city of Salem, his equally fine record in the Massachusetts Legislature, and his 13 years of faithful service in this House of Representatives gave him a national prominence that was justly earned and richly deserved. He was a power in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He was a power in the Congress. He was a power in the Nation. He was exceptionally kindly, always ready to help those who needed the benefit of his wide experience and his good judgment. I remember so well his kindness to me, his generosity, at the time of the redistricting in Massachusetts of the congressional districts. My friends and others felt that the district as mapped by the committee was such that it would be very difficult for a Republican to carry. GEORGE BATES gave over the historic old town of Andover to me to have in my congressional district. Later on he was requested by the committee on redistricting to give it back; that is, to take it away from me. But GEORGE BATES stood firm. As a result, I have the town of Andover in my district, for which I am very grateful.

He will be sorely missed by all of us. In his work upon the Committee on Armed Services he fought valiantly for the rights and prestige of our Navy. He showed great anxiety and distress because he felt the weakening of the Navy would prove disastrous to the security of our Nation. Essentially just himself, he felt that the action against the Navy was unwise, unjust, and very dangerous.

To his gracious and lovely widow and helpmate and his fine family go the condolences of all of his host of friends.

Through the years to come we shall not forget him, and we shall miss greatly his cheerful, kindly presence here in Congress. We shall miss the inspiration of his deeply religious character and his sterling qualities of mind and heart. I personally shall miss him tremendously because I knew that he was a friend who could always be depended upon to be helpful, to be generous, to be patriotic, and to be a statesman.

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts. I yield to the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. Short].

Mr. SHORT. Mr. Speaker, GEORGE JOSEPH BATES was the highest type of public servant. He was clean, courageous, capable, and though one could doubt the wisdom of his judgment or disagree at times with the conclusions he reached, no one could ever question the honesty of his purpose, the sincerity of his motive or the unimpeachable integrity of his unsullied soul. He wore no man's collar and could not be bought or sold by any power on this earth.

Serving with distinction and ability in the Massachusetts Legislature for 7 years, a period long enough to test the mettle of any man, he was honored by the people of his home city, who knew him best, by being elected mayor of that city for 14 consecutive years. This long experience gave him a lasting interest in municipal government. It is significant to note that immediately after coming to Congress, Mr. BATES was placed on the Committee for the District of Columbia and devoted much time and energy, without any hope of reward back home, to the affairs of our Nation's Capital. He was always alert and appreciative of the complex, difficult problems that confront the city of Washington, and was the ranking Republican member of the Committee on the District of Columbia at the time of his death.

It was my privilege the year after GEORGE BATES was first elected to this body to speak at a huge political gathering in his home town of Salem, and the year following at another town, Haverhill, in his district. I learned then why GEORGE

BATES was elected not only to the Legislature of Massachusetts and mayor of his home town, but also as a Member of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States. It was because he loved people and people loved him.

I do not believe there is any man I have ever met who was more accommodating or who would go out of his way to render assistance not only to the people in his own district, regardless of political affiliations, but to his colleagues in this body, than GEORGE BATES. In former years he served under the able and distinguished gentleman from Georgia [Mr. Vinson], chairman of the old Committee on Naval Affairs, and contributed much to making the Navy of the United States during this recent war far more powerful than all the other combined navies in the world, and since the unification of the Committee on Military Affairs and the Committee on Naval Affairs into the Committee on the Armed Services, GEORGE BATES has given the same unselfish service, the same unstinted energy, the same complete devotion to building up not only the Navy, but equally the Air Force and the Army, because he realized that in modern mechanized warfare each branch of the service is indispensable to victory.

So, we are going to miss him sorely as a member of our committee. He was a man of such tremendous energy, dynamic personality, and restless spirit; never satisfied with present accomplishments but always striving to do more. He had strong convictions and was not timid in expressing them. Independent as he was he could cooperate with others. I was on the S. S. *America* in mid-Atlantic when the radio brought the shocking news of his sudden and tragic death. My heart sank within me because I knew that this country had lost a great, honest, courageous, and constructive statesman, but more personal than that, I knew I had lost a very dear and loyal friend. Never have I, as ranking minority member of the Committee on the Armed Services, asked

GEORGE BATES to do one thing that he did not willingly and gladly welcome the opportunity, and he always performed his task well. He was a glutton for work. Industry was a virtue to him; he practiced it.

In closing, I wish to say this. I am glad it was mentioned by the distinguished majority leader the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. McCormack] who knew him so well, that GEORGE BATES was a man of deep faith. Ordinarily I do not suppose many people would have guessed offhand that GEORGE BATES was a deeply religious man, because he did not wear his heart on his sleeve; but I recall how deeply he was moved when he heard of the death of his son-in-law who served in the Navy in the Pacific during the recent war.

I recall more clearly the two different occasions when we visited his holiness Pope Pius at his summer retreat at Castel Gandolfo on the outskirts of Rome. I remember how deeply GEORGE BATES was moved. No one can have an audience with the present Pope without leaving a much bigger and a better person. Twice I had an audience with His Holiness and I know how GEORGE BATES was moved, as all of us were moved, by the Pope's piety, learning, humility, and genuine desire for permanent peace in this world.

I am a Protestant and a Mason, but I think the Roman Catholic Church has been one of the greatest stabilizing influences in this modern war-torn world. Mr. BATES, though he was a Catholic and I am a Methodist, knew that the deep undercurrent of men's faith, whether religious or political, transcends minor differences that men's minds might entertain.

So I want to join with my colleagues in paying my humble and altogether too feeble tribute to a great and good man. I have been in his home. I know what a devoted father and what a loyal and faithful husband he was. To really know a man one must associate with him intimately for some time. For several years I have been in almost daily contact with GEORGE BATES in our labors together, but even a

better opportunity was afforded me to learn what he was, on the long trips we have taken together. We have flown literally thousands of miles, across continents and over oceans, visiting strange lands in far-away places, under the most trying conditions. I know the courage and faith he exhibited when we were in perilous positions. The irony of his death is that he should be killed at such a time and place after we had faced greater dangers. My prayer is that the faith that was GEORGE BATES' will help comfort and sustain his loved ones in this hour of irreparable loss.

He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

GEORGE BATES is not dead. He still lives, and the exemplary life that he lived, the faith that was his, the service that he rendered, will always be a source of inspiration to those of us who had the pleasure and good fortune of associating with him.

May God rest his soul, and may the comforting spirit of the Holy Trinity rest upon and abide with his loved ones even unto the perfect day.

Mr. HESELTON. Mr. Speaker, those of us who had the privilege of paying tribute to GEORGE BATES at the requiem Mass in Salem can never forget the demonstration of respect and love for him on the part of his close friends and neighbors. Not only was the church crowded but also the streets in the immediate vicinity and thousands more waited patiently along the mile and a half between the church and the cemetery.

As has been so eloquently said here today, all who knew GEORGE respected and admired him. His forthright courage, his intelligent loyalty to his country, his State, and his district, and his intelligent discharge of his responsibilities won for him an outstanding place in the history of this body. We all miss him today and shall continue to miss him.

I, too, wish to express in these words my deep sympathy for his wife and his children.

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. Lane].

Mr. LANE. Mr. Speaker, characteristic of the man is the fact that he modestly devoted only five lines to himself in the Congressional Directory.

This bare and unassuming report fails to give true recognition to the notable record of public service given by GEORGE BATES to his city, his State, and to the Nation.

His 31 years of distinguished stewardship in the executive and legislative branches of Government began in 1918 when he was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives, where he served continuously until 1924. His ability was soon recognized, and it was not long before he became chairman of the committee on municipal finance. His sound grasp of local problems won the endearing respect of the many officials who sought his advice and assistance.

With this excellent preparation, it was logical that he would be summoned to serve as an executive of city government. His fellow citizens elected him as mayor of Salem, Mass., where he made one of the most remarkable records in the history of the State. The esteem in which he was held is evidenced by the fact that he was reelected to that office time and again, over a period of 14 consecutive years. This was largely during the depression when municipalities were challenged by problems such as they will never face again. GEORGE BATES was that happy combination of an efficient and humane administrator. He was able to secure large Federal grants to create work for the unemployed of his community by the soundness of the proposals which he advanced. The number of serviceable and enduring public projects which were constructed during his tenure as mayor will be a monument for many years to come, of his outstanding ability in the field of municipal government. So

well did the people think of him that he was returned to office a number of times without any opposition.

In 1936, he was asked to run for Congress, which he did—winning handily. He was in his seventh term when sudden death struck him down.

The late Congressman traveled widely and was a keen student of all phases of the Federal Government. As a member of the important Armed Services Committee in the House, he became an expert on national security.

The United States Navy had no greater advocate than GEORGE BATES. He knew that any plan for unification of the armed forces which would reduce the Navy to a secondary role would be dangerous to the defense of our Nation. He came from a city that was one of the great seaports in the days of our maritime glory. He was reared in an environment that is still rich with the memory of those fabulous sea captains who opened up the vast uncharted reaches of the Pacific to American commerce. A New Englander by birth and by character, he was endowed with its love of the sea, its pioneering spirit, and its hardy realism. Coming from that section of the Nation which is nearest to Europe, he understood the mobile strength of sea power and the major role it must play in our defense. The United States is a world leader with strategic interests all over the globe. GEORGE BATES never lost sight of the elemental fact that most of this earth's surface is covered by water which can be traveled on, above, and below. For this we need a Navy with aircraft, ships, and submarines.

Summoning every resource of his being, he fought to save the Navy. Congress had adjourned, but GEORGE BATES did not give up the fight. He was traveling to the Capital by plane to attend a national defense conference and his "ship" was about to land when his life was claimed by the carelessness of others and the Nation thus lost one of its most diligent and devoted public servants.

His own family served the Navy well in World War II—out on the seas which develop brave men. There was something of its clean and honest strength in GEORGE BATES. He did not ask safety for himself or his own, and, with such sincerity, he did not expect that others would seek privileged comforts in a time of national emergency. GEORGE BATES thought that every man should do his duty. One of the few times when I saw him angry was when some misguided persons sought his influence to have their sons in the Navy transferred to an inland assignment halfway between the Atlantic and the Pacific.

They came to the wrong man but got the right answer.

When GEORGE BATES got through talking with them they were ready for sea duty like every other mother's son who got the call, and I am sure that they thank him for restoring their self-respect, wherever they may be today.

His private life was exemplary. He was a man of deep faith who was devoted to his wife and his seven sons and daughters. The love for his family, his country, and his God was the trinity which inspired a life that was rich in its accomplishments.

His home town is only a score of miles away from my own. Many a time I rode down to Washington with him, and so I came to know him as a fine man and as a splendid representative of the people.

It is my earnest hope that this Nation, through the United States Navy, will soon dedicate a lasting memorial to its faithful son who gave up his life in the line of duty—the late Congressman GEORGE JOSEPH BATES, of Salem, Mass.

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I yield to our colleague the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. Herter].

Mr. HERTER. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in paying tribute to the memory of GEORGE BATES, one of the

Members of the House whose services can never be properly eulogized and properly recorded by what we say here.

GEORGE BATES was one of those rare individuals who commanded the respect and affection of all of his colleagues because of his absolute integrity, both in his public and in his private life. Beginning under the most humble circumstances, he made his mark by being chosen by larger and larger groups to represent them in public affairs. He had great energy, great loyalty and kindliness, and the courage to speak and act in accordance with his convictions whether he knew those convictions to be popular or not.

His tragic death has taken from the House one of the ablest Members it possessed—a man whom I am proud to think of as a close friend. His splendid wife and seven children must feel the deepest satisfaction in the superb record that GEORGE BATES achieved. Our deepest sympathy goes out to them in their personal bereavement and to the Nation in its public bereavement.

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I yield to our colleague, the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. Philbin].

Mr. PHILBIN. Mr. Speaker, I join very sadly with my colleagues in the tribute being paid to Congressman BATES this afternoon by so many friends and colleagues of this House in which he served so honorably and faithfully. We keenly and deeply feel the loss of GEORGE BATES. His tragic passing has saddened all of us.

He was a good, dear, and generous friend. We will not look upon his like again.

He was a courageous and fearless public servant.

He was devoted to his family—a loving father and a devoted husband.

In every sense he was a great American statesman; a great, clean heart, a lively intellect, and a noble soul.

Brilliant as were his civic achievements, outstanding his patriotic contributions, commanding his force of personality and courage of conviction, these qualities were all overshadowed by the spirit of deep humility and profound spirituality which seemed to move this great American in his every thought, word, and deed. He was a man of heartfelt, unshakable faith, a man of unflinching loyalty to every cause which he believed just, a man of perseverance and determination in pursuing what he deemed to be right.

He was forceful, but never malicious. He was dynamic, but never unkind. He was persevering, but never ruthless. He was exacting in his standards, but always humane and considerate of others.

I was privileged to serve with him for some time on the great and distinguished Armed Services Committee of this House, which is headed by our beloved and able friend the gentleman from Georgia, the Honorable Carl Vinson, who has just spoken so feelingly and so eloquently his tribute of respect, esteem, and affection for our departed colleague. I came to know GEORGE BATES as an indefatigable worker, tireless in his application, unselfish in his devotion, strong of mind and character, and militant in his attachment to what he thought was best for the Nation. He was a hard hitter, but he never struck below the belt. He was a respected adversary who never bore ill will or animosity to those who opposed him. His kindliness of heart, his sincerity of purpose, his purity of motive, and his generosity of impulse endeared him to all who know him. He was a true Christian gentleman.

I shall never forget the great demonstration of affection by the people of his home city of Salem upon the sorrowful occasion of his funeral. Thousands of people from the shops and factories, farms and fields, and offices and homes of his district converged upon the beautiful church where the services were held. The military which he loved and served so well, his colleagues who so deeply mourned him, and his own

friends among the people, filled the spacious edifice to overflowing. The services were of unusual solemnity and beauty. The eulogy by the beloved, outstanding prelate, one of the great princes of the Catholic Church, Archbishop Cushing, of Boston, was an eloquent and extraordinary tribute to a great but humble and clean-living man whose life was a model of virtue and devotion. And when the services were over and the sorrowful cortege moved slowly through the streets of his beloved city, thousands of people gathered to pay by their presence a last mark of respect for their esteemed civic leader and public servant. The cadence of marching feet, the roll of muffled drums, the soft, muted strains of his favorite religious hymns played by the Marine Band, the long procession winding through the historic streets lined with his own people, the impressive prayers at the spot where his mortal remains were laid—these scenes will be long remembered by those who attended his final rites.

GEORGE BATES has gone from our midst, but his indomitable spirit, noble work, warm friendship, and patriotic example live on as inspiration and encouragement to those who would serve the Nation. GEORGE BATES exemplified the best there is in American public and private life. No tributes which we pay him so sincerely today could possibly measure the worth and nobility of his character and the substance of his contributions. Having known him and served with him has enriched our lives. The Nation is the richer for his life. For his goodness and virtue, he will find rest and peace with our Heavenly Father.

I ask that I may be permitted to include in my remarks a humble tribute which I paid him at the time of his tragic passing and which appeared in the illustrious Boston Post:

REPRESENTATIVE PHILBIN LAUDS BATES—SAYS DEATH OF SOLON REAL LOSS TO NATION

Congressman Philip J. Philbin yesterday mourned the air crash death of Congressman GEORGE J. BATES as a cruel loss to his family, his friends, and the Nation.

In his statement Congressman Philbin said:

"I am inexpressibly shocked to learn of the tragic passing of my dear and valued personal friend, Congressman GEORGE J. BATES. Able and conscientious, he was a true and great American. Of strong convictions and determined purpose, he never wavered once he believed he was right. He had a deep sympathy for the underdog.

"His career was an inspiration to young and old alike because he worked and battled his way to high public trust by virtue of his own great natural ability and force of character. Deeply interested in the people of his district and sincerely devoted to promoting the prosperity and welfare of Massachusetts and New England, his broad horizons embraced all State, national, and international questions.

"As my esteemed colleague on the House Armed Services Committee, he rendered invaluable contributions for many years to building up the national defense. He was a believer in a balanced armed system and a stanch loyal friend of the Navy, as well as other services. His views always commanded the great respect of his colleagues. He was not only esteemed but loved, by all who knew him. He was a good, sincere, and profoundly spiritual man vitally and energetically interested in every worth-while cause, active and painstaking in his work, and tremendously devoted to the institutions of our country.

"He has been stricken down at a time when he was at the height of his powers—rich in experience, mature in judgment—with years of usefulness ahead of him. The Nation has lost a stalwart public figure, the people of his district, a faithful servant, his family, a loving father, his colleagues a true and considerate friend, the House, one of our great contemporary Americans.

"I am personally very deeply moved by his untimely death and join prayerfully with his family and many friends in mourning him. GEORGE BATES will long be sorely missed; his achievements long remembered.

"To his devoted wife and lifelong helpmate, Mrs. Bates, and the fine family he leaves behind so sorrowfully afflicted in sudden bereavement I extend my deepest sympathy. May Almighty God comfort and strengthen them in their hour of sorrow."

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I yield to my colleague from Iowa [Mr. Cunningham].

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, when the news came over the air late in October that GEORGE BATES was the victim

of a terrible airplane accident I was stunned. The people of Des Moines, Iowa, were shocked, and deep sympathy for his family was felt by all of us. He was highly regarded in Iowa. A few years ago he was instrumental in having a cruiser named for the city of Des Moines. He was very sympathetic to all of his colleagues. He was always ready and willing to aid a colleague, no matter how pressing his own affairs. I considered him one of my very best friends in the Congress. Iowa has lost a real friend and the Nation a great statesman.

I deeply regret his passing. I shall remember him always.

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I yield to my colleague the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. Donohue].

Mr. DONOHUE. Mr. Speaker, I rise reverently to join with the Members of this House in expressing my esteem, respect, and regard for our late colleague, GEORGE BATES.

A state and a nation are only great because of the accomplishments of their citizens. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the United States of America are greater because of the high character of such services as were rendered by our beloved colleague. The finest thing that can be said of any man is that the world is a much better place because he lived. I know we can all sincerely say that about GEORGE BATES. Each of us is the beneficiary of his greatness and his patriotic services.

My deepest sympathy and condolences go out to his family in their bereavement.

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I yield to my colleague the gentleman from California [Mr. Johnson].

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. Speaker, I met GEORGE BATES when I first came to Congress, but I came to know him intimately in 1947, when I was a member of a committee to which the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. Short] referred, which traveled into Europe, the Near East, and around the Mediterranean.

I was one of those who twice had the privilege of appearing before the Pope. On both occasions I was greatly impressed

with this simple man who typifies the world roadblock we are trying to erect in the path of a dictator who is bent on accomplishing the disintegration of the American family, the destruction of personal freedom, and the subversion of everything that we call the democratic way of life in the United States of America.

That evening after the audience with the Pope, GEORGE BATES took me aside and told me of the profound impression which an audience with the Pope makes upon a Catholic, and I added on a Protestant also. I had never realized until then that Mr. BATES was a very religious individual. He explained to me how much it meant to a member of that faith to have the privilege of talking to and shaking hands with the head of his church.

GEORGE BATES was one of the kindest men I ever met. You had to know him and live with him on a trip such as we were on to thus understand him. He was always trying to find some way to do something for a friend.

In my opinion, his family life reflects his religious training. He had a large family and a very devoted wife. In my book the most successful thing that a man can do is to have a happy married life and have a family. I consider that a successful husband and father is the acme of American success. He projects his ideas, his ideals, his hopes, and his aspirations, as lived in his life, into the lives of others who will carry on afterward. This is exactly what GEORGE J. BATES did with his life.

Mr. BATES was the kind of legislator that I think makes the American Congress great. Why? Because he studied a problem, and once he found out what he thought was the correct thing to do about it, he did that very thing. He did not measure the political influences. He did not measure any personal success. He wanted to know what was the right answer to the problem, and he talked and acted accordingly.

It was my privilege to sit next to him during this last session of Congress. We had very long, exhaustive hearings on some of the most basic problems in security before the Nation today; upon problems on the solution of which may depend the stability and the peace of the entire world. I found that he worked as hard as or harder than anybody else on our committee. He had an inquisitive mind; he was continually laboring to find out what were the facts and how we should apply the facts to the decisions we had to make. As I said, in my opinion GEORGE BATES was the kind of Congressman that makes the American House of Representatives great; in other words, his actions reflected truly his studied and deliberate conclusions on the great questions that were before the country.

His was a tragic loss; but his family, in my opinion, can find comfort in the fact that in every part of his life he was a true American, he was an excellent father, he was a fine citizen, he was an able legislator. It will be a long time before we have another character like GEORGE J. BATES. As I say, I believe that he typified about the best of everything that I consider worth while in a man, in both private and public life.

I am sorry that I have lost a friend; I am sorry that the Congress has lost such a fine Member; and I extend my heartfelt sympathy to his family at the loss of such a fine husband and father.

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I yield to my colleague the gentleman from California [Mr. Anderson].

Mr. ANDERSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in extending to the family of the late GEORGE J. BATES my deepest and most sincere sympathy.

As a member of the old Naval Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, I was closely associated with GEORGE BATES and knew him well. I do not believe I ever knew a man who was so sincerely interested in the work of

his committee and in the security of his country. GEORGE was a tireless worker, he had a highly retentive mind, and he was conscientious to the extreme in everything he did.

The Armed Services Committee will not be the same without him. His district has lost an able Representative and the country has lost a loyal and patriotic public servant.

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I yield to my colleague the gentleman from Maine [Mr. Hale].

Mr. HALE. Mr. Speaker, I find it impossible to keep silent while men are praising GEORGE BATES. He was a friend of mine. While his district did not quite adjoin mine, it was very close, and the two districts had many problems in common, notably those of the fisheries, in which GEORGE BATES was deeply interested. Indeed the fishermen never had a better friend.

However, I do not propose today to explore GEORGE BATES' legislative record. Others know much more intimately than I the work which he did on the Committee on Armed Services. This was probably his major contribution as a national legislator. I wish simply to speak of the man, of his qualities as a man, of the friendship I felt for him, and of the friendship he gave to me. The death of such a man under such peculiarly tragic circumstances is a great blow to the Congress and to the country. All I can say is that I shall always miss GEORGE BATES, shall always mourn him. I have the utmost sympathy for his bereaved family.

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have permission to extend and revise their remarks at this point in the Record.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

Mr. WIGGLESWORTH. Mr. Speaker, the sudden and untimely death of my very dear friend and colleague, GEORGE J. BATES, was a tragic loss to his State and to the Nation.

His life reflected the great American tradition which makes it possible for one with the humblest start in life to rise to high position by force of character, ability, and industry.

Beginning work at the age of 7 on a part-time basis in a tannery in order to help out at home; ending his formal education with the seventh grade and finding employment as an iron molder; he was destined to serve his fellow citizens 7 years in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, 14 years as mayor of the city of Salem, Mass., and 12 years as a Member of the Congress, with fidelity, ability, and distinction.

Those who served with him in the legislature can testify to his contribution in terms of municipal finance. Those who served with him here know the great part he played as a member of the House Committee on Naval Affairs and the House Committee on Armed Services.

Years of close association in the Congress gave me for him both high regard and deep affection.

Able, experienced, honest, and fearless, he was one of the finest public servants that I have known. He would have made a splendid Governor of his State.

He was a devout Catholic and a devoted father. Seven children survive him, several of whom volunteered for service in World War II. A son-in-law gave his life in that service.

The unparalleled tribute paid to his memory in the city of Salem after his death spoke in eloquent terms of the love and respect in which he was held in his native city.

Store windows throughout the city carried his picture draped in black. The local newspaper, on the day of the funeral services, devoted the entire front page to his photograph and to tributes received throughout the Nation. Thirty thousand people, it was estimated, lined the streets from his humble home to the church and thence to the grave.

Archbishop Richard J. Cushing delivered a beautiful eulogy at the requiem mass which forms a part of our tribute here today.

Far more people, myself among them, knew his merits—

He said—

than knew the man himself.

That is at once the most accurate and most enviable tribute to him. He added:

That even without knowing him personally many, many thousands knew his high worth and the tremendous good he did.

I shall miss him more than I can say.

I know that the heartfelt sympathy of all who served with him here in this House goes out today to his widow and to each member of the fine family which he loved so dearly.

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Arkansas [Mr. Hays].

Mr. HAYS of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I wish to add my tribute to the others that have been paid to our beloved friend, the distinguished Member from Massachusetts. Mr. BATES and I were neighbors on the third floor in the west corridor of the Old House Office Building throughout the 7 years that I have been a Member of the House. Ours was a friendship that I shall always cherish, and I have many fine memories of our associations.

I think it was Woodrow Wilson who laid down one test of greatness. It was rather negatively stated, but appropriate for this occasion.

He said:

No man is great who thinks himself so, and no man is even good who does not strive for the comfort and happiness of others.

One of the elements of greatness in GEORGE BATES was his modesty and certainly one of the outstanding things about him was the vigorous way in which he sought to add to the comfort and the happiness of others. He seemed to derive great pleasure from those activities that were related to the well-being of his people.

He was a man of expansive sympathies, of broad vision, truly a great American, and I am glad to join with my colleagues in praise of his service and his character.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, as a further mark of respect to the memory of our beloved departed colleagues, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 14 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 4, 1950, at 12 o'clock noon.

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WEDNESDAY, *January 4, 1950.*

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate a resolution (H. Res. 410) coming over from the House of Representatives, which was read, as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. GEORGE J. BATES, a Representative from the State of Massachusetts.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. SALTONSTALL. Mr. President, I offer a resolution and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The resolution will be read.

The resolution (S. Res. 199) was read, and by unanimous consent, the Senate proceeded to its consideration, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. GEORGE J. BATES, late a Representative from the State of Massachusetts.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Mr. SALTONSTALL. Mr. President, in connection with the resolution I desire to say a few words. I knew the late GEORGE BATES for a great many years. I worked with him first as a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives in the statehouse on Beacon Hill in Boston. He became an authority on municipal law. He showed courage and firmness in advocating and working for measures designed to better the conditions of and to place on a sounder

basis the municipalities of our Commonwealth. He then became the mayor of the city of Salem, in which capacity he served for 10 years before becoming a Member of Congress. He served in the office of mayor with such distinction and gained the confidence of the people of his city to such an extent that he was elected as their Representative in Congress with very little opposition; in fact, as I recall, for the last two terms he served he was unopposed for the office because of the high regard in which he was held by the people of his district.

As a Representative in Congress he was very active in naval affairs. He had a very full understanding of the power and strength and influence of the Navy, and the necessity for its maintenance. He was well informed on every subject that came before Congress.

He was a devoted husband and father; and a loving wife and seven children survive to mourn his loss. A son-in-law was killed in the service of his country in World War II.

We who come from Massachusetts miss him grievously, both as a friend and as a public servant of high ideals.

Mr. LODGE. Mr. President, I never thought it would be my lot to rise on this floor to speak about the death of the late GEORGE J. BATES. He was the Representative in Congress from the district in which I live. He was not only a public official with whom I was closely associated, but also a lifelong neighbor and close personal friend.

He started out in life under conditions of difficulty. He had to tread a hard road. His family had little in the way of worldly goods. He had to educate himself and make his way in the world by the force of his own intellect and the sweetness and the strength of his own character. He rendered a fine service in the Massachusetts Legislature, where he became recognized as an authority on different questions of government. He had a unique tenure of office as mayor of the city of Salem. He then was elected to the

House of Representatives from the Sixth Congressional District, taking the seat which had been occupied before him by the late A. Piatt Andrew and the late Augustus P. Gardner, men of the highest standing, who were always able to represent that district, supported by the overwhelming suffrage of the people who lived in that section of Massachusetts.

His untimely death in an airplane accident in November cut short a career which I am convinced had a tremendous and brilliant future still ahead of it, as well as a most inspiring past. He is mourned not only by his family and friends but by the whole community of which he was a part.

The State of Massachusetts is enriched by a citizenry which traces its roots to many different ancestries and worships in many different faiths. GEORGE J. BATES was able to unite all the people of that part of the State, because he took the broad view, he took the national view, and he was never animated by small or petty prejudices. He was not only a man of intellect and of great mental force, but he was also a man of extraordinary public and civic courage. There are many occasions which I can remember when he took positions long before it became the popular or the expedient thing to do so, when he expressed opinions which cost him something, but which he felt it right to do in order to be true to his duty as a public servant.

Mr. President, we can ill afford to lose a man of his caliber, and I heartily echo the sentiments of my colleague. I hope that God may rest his soul in peace and that the memory of the service of GEORGE J. BATES will be green here in the National Capital for many, many years to come.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the resolution offered by the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. Saltonstall].

The resolution was unanimously agreed to.

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